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INDIAN LANDS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKER DAM PROJECT, ARIZONA-CALIFORNIA

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Mr. McFARLAND, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2369]

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2369) providing for the acquisition of Indian lands required in connection with the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric transmission lines and other works, Parker Dam power project in the States of Arizona and California, having considered the same, report thereon with the recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

This proposed legislation was suggested by the Secretary of the Interior in a communication dated March 10, 1942, addressed to the President of the Senate, who referred the same to your committee for consideration, and in accord with the request of the Secretary of the Interior, your committee authorized the introduction of a bill, which contain the identical text of the draft of a proposed bill submitted by him, thereafter a bill (S. 2369) was introduced which was thereupon referred to your committee for further consideration.

A full explanation of the purpose of this proposed legislation is contained in the said communication of the Secretary of the Interior, dated March 10, 1942, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report, as follows:

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, March 10, 1942.

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,
United States Senate.

MY DEAR MR. VICE PRESIDENT: I submit herewith for the consideration of the Congress a draft of a bill, for the acquisition of Indian lands required in connection with the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric transmission lines and other works, Parker Dam power project, Arizona-California.

I recommend that the proposed legislation be enacted.

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There is urgent need for the immediate construction of several electric transmission lines and other works to distribute electric power now available at the Parker Dam power project. Several lines are proposed, including the Gila Drop No. 4, Phoenix-Tucson, and Phoenix-Sacaton lines. The early distribution of this electric energy will materially contribute to the national defense. In particular, the War Department has advised that power must be obtained from the Phoenix-Tucson system for distribution at Fort Huachuca not later than May 1.

The Gila Drop No. 4 line will traverse allotted Indian lands on the Yuma Indian Reservation. The Phoenix-Tucson and Phoenix-Sacaton lines will traverse allotted and tribal lands within the Gila River Indian Reservation.

The proposed legislation will vest in the United States the necessary rights-of-way over the Indian lands. It also makes provision for payment, for the benefit of the Indians, of just and equitable compensation to be determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

The bill is closely modeled upon Public Law 198, Seventy-seventh Congress, providing for the acquisition of similar Indian lands for the Central Valley project, California.

The Director of the Bureau of the Budget advises that there would be no objection to the presentation of this report.

Sincerely yours,

HAROLD L. ICKES,
Secretary of the Interior.

REPORT

(The copy is 2300)

The Committee on Indian Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2300) providing for the acquisition of Indian lands required in connection with the construction, operation, and maintenance of electric transmission lines and other works, Parker Dam power project, to the State of Arizona and California, having considered the same, reports with the recommendation that it do pass without amendment.

The proposed legislation was suggested by the Secretary of the Interior in a communication dated March 10, 1912, and sent to the President of the Senate, who referred the same to your committee for consideration, and in accord with the request of the Secretary of the Interior your committee authorized the introduction of a bill which contain the attached text of the draft of proposed bill submitted by him. The attached bill (S. 2300) was introduced which was thereupon referred to your committee for further consideration.

A full explanation of the purpose of this proposed legislation is contained in the said communication of the Secretary of the Interior dated March 10, 1912, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report as follows:

The Secretary of the Interior has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of March 10, 1912, and to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the President of the Senate, who has referred the same to your committee for consideration, and in accord with the request of the Secretary of the Interior your committee authorized the introduction of a bill which contain the attached text of the draft of proposed bill submitted by him. The attached bill (S. 2300) was introduced which was thereupon referred to your committee for further consideration.

A full explanation of the purpose of this proposed legislation is contained in the said communication of the Secretary of the Interior dated March 10, 1912, which is attached hereto and made a part of this report as follows: